

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1904 - SB 1909

March 7, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015012): Exempts autoclaves, which are used for sterilizing medical or dental equipment, installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, used by an individual or entity licensed by this state as a health professional or entity, contain a boiler, and are regulated by the Federal Food and Drug Administration from certain boiler clearance requirements.

Authorizes the Board of Boiler Rules to wave or exempt certain requirements regarding inspection, inspection certificates, and inspection fees.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workplace Regulations and Compliance, Board of Boiler Rules (0800-03-03-.08(4)), when boilers are replaced or new boilers are installed in either existing or new buildings, a height of at least three feet shall be provided between the top of the boiler proper and the ceiling or roof, and at least three feet between all sides of the boiler and adjacent walls or other structures.
- All boilers and pressure vessels shall be so located that adequate space will be provided for the proper operation of the boilers and pressure vessels and their appurtenances, for the inspection of all surfaces, tubes, waterwalls, economizers, piping valves and other equipment, and for the necessary maintenance, repair and replacement of tubes.
- The proposed legislation will exempt certain autoclaves from meeting such clearance requirements.
- This legislation authorizes the Board to wave or exempt certain requirements regarding inspection, inspection certificates, and inspection fees.
- The number of inspections or inspection fees the Board will wave is unknown, but it is reasonably estimated there will be at least one waived inspection and inspection fee.
- Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-122-113 (d), the fee for a biennial inspection of a low-pressure boiler is \$30, or annualized, \$15 per year (\$30 / 2 years).
- A recurring decrease in revenue to the Department of \$15, hereby deemed not significant.

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IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This legislation is estimated to result in a decrease in inspection fees paid by a business in Tennessee.
- Such decrease is estimated to be \$15 annually, hereby deemed not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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